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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ, NOVEMBER 12, 1975; BIO DATA
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BELGIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ALBERT A. LAVENS BORN NOVEMBER 15, 1920.

SON OF A FLEMISH FARMER. RECEIVED ECONOMIC DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN IN 1942. LECTURED IN MATHEMATICS AND ELECTRICAL PHYSICS FROM 1942 UNTIL 1944 AT WHICH TIME HE BECAME SECRETARY OF BELGIAN FLAX GROWERS ASSOCIATION AND THE WEST FLANDERS CATHOLIC BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

FROM 1958 TO 1968 SERVED IN PARLEMENT AS A SOCIAL CHRISTIAN DEPUTY.

IN 1971, ELECTED SENATOR FOR COURTRAI-YPRES DISTRICT AND HAS SERVED ON

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, EXTERNAL

COMMERCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND POST, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH.

LAVENS BECAME MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN JANUARY 1973.

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